

Hongkong Telegraph

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP 251,093.15

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST:
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [32]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL 1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED 1,185,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital 1,000,000
Subscribed Capital 500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuan, Esq.
H. Stollerfoht, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

NOTICE.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE
STRAITS, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the
SECOND INSTALLMENT of CALL,
amounting to FIVE SHILLINGS per Share on the
Ordinary Shares of the Bank, is DUE on the
1st February, 1894, and is PAYABLE at the
Office of the Bank, No. 4, Queen's Road,
either by Demand Draft on London or in Local
Currency equivalent.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1894. [142]

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto conducted by the
MITSU BISHI SHA and MITSU
BISHI COLLIERIES, will from and after the
1st January, 1894, be carried on by a Limited
Partnership under the STYLE of the MITSU
BISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA (MITSU BISHI
Co., Ltd.) of which Mr. IWASAKI HISAYA is
the Managing Partner.

AGENTS:
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
H. U. JEFFRIES,
Manager.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [84]

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE LONG RANGE CUP AND SPOONS
will be shot for on SATURDAY, the
27th inst.—Rangers, 800 and 900 yards. Time,
2.45 P.M.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1894. [46]

STRAYED

FROM Pedder's Hill yesterday afternoon, a
POINTER PUPPY. The Finder will
oblige by returning the animal to
"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
OFFICE.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1894.

SITUATION WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN (English) aged 28, speaks
suitable employment in an English or
German House in Hongkong or any Coast Port
of China. Able to correspond well in ENGLISH,
GERMAN and DUTCH, has a thorough practical
knowledge of BOOK-KEEPING and GENERAL
OFFICE WORK.

Apply to
"X,"
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1894. [139]

SITUATION WANTED.

A COMPETENT YOUNG WOMAN seeks
a position as STENOGRAPHER and
TYPEWRITER. Excellent references as to
ability and integrity. Please address
MINNIE FALK,
706, Battery Road,
Singapore.

Insurances.

THE
STANDARD.
ENDOWMENT
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-
AGES of this form of Assurance, the
following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision
for wife and family or other rela-
tives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment
for the regular accumulation of
small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are
larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-
continue future payments—he will
be entitled to receive, on application,
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a
proportionate amount of the Sum
Assured, as explained in the Pros-
pectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

THE LION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

WE have this Day been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, and
are prepared to accept FIRE RISKS at CURRENT
RATES.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1894. [65]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Ports of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 \$833,333.33
EQUAL TO \$318,000.00

RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.
LOU TRO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [974]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRADE
MARKS of the CHU KWONG LAM
(朱廣蘭) and CHU YAU LAN (朱有蘭)
FIRMS respectively, Manufacturers of TO-
BACCO, have been duly Registered in this
Colony, pursuant to Ordinance 16 of 1873 and 8
of 1886.

CHU KWONG LAM
AND
CHU YAU LAN.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1894. [68]

NGAI SHANG,
22, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

RATTAN FURNITURE
of Every Description.

CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS,
CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

Also
Rattan Core, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and
Sundries of all kinds.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [35]

THE PHARMACY,
25, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to
inform the Residents of Hongkong and
the Shipping Community, that they have now
OPENED at the above address. The Store is
managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist
who takes every care that all DRUGS and
CHEMICALS used in the compounding of pre-
scriptions are PURE and FRESH.

FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good
selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent
Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.

FLETCHER & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [23]

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
WINE AND SPIRIT
MERCHANTS,
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND
GLASGOW.

15, QUEEN'S ROAD,
HONGKONG, 20th August, 1893.

Intimations.

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting
throughout
the Premises.

Telegraphic Address—
"CENTRAL,"
SHANGHAI.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid
on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

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DAWSON'S PERFECTION
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
88, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [41]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NEW FRENCH NOVELS.

Jean Dalbret—Cousine Hélène.
J. H. Menos—Deux Feuilles au Vent.
Comte Léon Tolstol—Le Salut est en vous.

Viesse, De Pitray, M. De Séguin—L'Oiseau de
Passage.

Jeanne Leroy—Le Roman d'Arlette.
Louis Paulhan—Paris qui Maudit.

Léon A. Daudet—L'Asire Noir.
Cic. Stanislas Rzewuski—Déborah.

Ernest Daudet—Les Couilles de la Société
Parisiennne.

René Malmery—La Fête.
Henri De Saussure—Le Nes de Clôpatre.

Emile Bergerat—Le Chèque.
Alfred Capus—Monsieur Vent Rire.

Paul Adam—Les Images Sentimentales.
Auguste Germain—Nos Pénitences.

Georges Service—Rimette.
Louis Gedy—Le Plus Heureux Temps de la Vie.

Henri Lavedan—Leur Beau Physique.
René Vigier—Un Roman à Nice.

Edouard—L'Indisistible.
Richard O'Monroy—Les Petites Manchaballe.

Pierre Veberet Willy—Les Enfants S'Amusent.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1894. [6]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW STOCK OF SADDLERY.

RACING GEAR.

STABLE REQUISITES.

RACING SADDLES, WHIPS, BRIDLES, WEIGHT CLOTHS, SADDLE CLOTHS,
ROLLERS, GIRTHS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1893. [30]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlla"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
THE TABLE D'HÔTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [198]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED
5,000 NEW CHEAP NOVELS.

WALLACE'S PRINCE OF INDIA, author
Ben Hur,
A. J. Trenchard, Code,
Gedley's Text Book of Geology,
New Queen's Regulations,
All the Christmas Annuals,
Gentlemen's Brown Russia and Calf Walking
Boots and Shoes.

Dancing Pump,
New Stock/Sole-sale Tennis Shoes,
Also the Rembrandt Shoe,
Association and Rugby Footballs,
Indian Clubs,
Chevalier's New Song, "Nipper's Lullaby,"
New Dance Music.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1894. [40]

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA
MASONIC BENEVOLENCE FUND
CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above
CORPORATION will be held at the MASONIC
HALL, on FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at 5.30
P.M.

A. O. D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22d January, 1894. [136]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTH
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Com-
pany's Office, Victoria Building, on MONDAY,
the 29th January, 1894, at NOON, for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors,
together with a Statement of Accounts for the
twelve months ending 31st December, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 22nd to
MONDAY, the 29th January, 1894, (both days
inclusive), during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and
Agency Company, Limited,
Agents for the Kowloon Land and
Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1894. [90]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-
YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
in the Company will be held at the
Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 2nd
February, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose
of receiving a Report of the Directors, together
with a Statement of Account, declaring a Divi-
dend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 20th instant to the
2nd February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1894. [104]

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILD-
ING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
the COMPANY will be held at its Registered
Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on
SATURDAY, the 3rd February next, at NOON,
when the Subjuncted Resolution, which was
passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the
Company held on the 18th January instant, will
be submitted for Confirmation as a Special
Resolution:—

"That the AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND
BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, be
"Wound-up voluntarily under the provisions
of the Companies Ordinance 1863 to 1890,
and that HARRY BUCK, of Victoria, in the
"Colony of Hongkong, be and he is hereby
"appointed Liquidator for the purposes of
"such Winding-up."

By Order,
JOHN A. JUPP,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1894. [121]

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

WHEREAS the MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company held
upon the 2nd Floor of the Chui Hing Lau upon
the 4th July, 1893, has now been admitted to
have been irregularly convened and the resolu-
tions passed thereat have been admitted to have
been invalid and not binding on the Company,
and whereas upon the Payment of the Plaintiffs'
costs, Sult No. 40 of 1893 has been withdrawn.

Notice is hereby given that the Undersigned
have RESUMED their POSITIONS as DIREC-
TORS, and notice is also hereby given that the
Meeting of Shareholders held upon the 2nd
January, 1894, was also irregularly convened
and no resolution passed thereat and confirmed
at a subsequent meeting is valid or can have
any binding effect upon the Shareholders, the
Undersigned having protested against such last-
mentioned meeting previous to the same having
been held.

BAN HOP, by his Attorney,
KAW HONG TAKE,
LAM SIN SANG.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1894. [120]

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

WHEREAS a NOTICE has appeared in
certain papers stating that the Meeting of
Shareholders of this Company held upon the
2nd January, 1894, was irregularly convened
and that no Resolution passed thereat was valid
or could have any binding effect upon the
Shareholders (inasmuch as BAN HOP, by his
Attorney KAW HONG TAKE, and LAM SIN
SANG had protested against such Meeting
previous to the same having been held.

Notice is hereby given that the said Meeting
of the 2nd January, 1894, was duly and regularly
convened according to law and precedent, and
that all Resolutions passed thereat and to be
confirmed by a subsequent Meeting of Share-
holders are, and will be, in all respects, valid,
legal and binding.

KWAN HOI CHUEN,
CHAN CHUN TSUN.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1894. [122]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the
KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART
MAATSCHAPPIJ

are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to
Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast),
Celebes, Timor, Banda Islands, Dutch New
Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through
Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the
Undersigned for counter-signature.

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.
Hongkong, 19th November, 1893. [109]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"FOKIEN,"
Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at Day-
light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1894. [143]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE,"
Captain Dwyer, will be despatched for the above
Ports on or about MONDAY, the 29th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1894. [1218]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON.
THE Steamship

"BULLMOUTH,"
Captain Scott, will be despatched for the above
Ports on or about TUESDAY, the 30th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1894. [61]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,
VIA INLAND SEA.

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE,"
Captain Gedy, will be despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 30th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th January,

Intimations.

DR. FENWICK'S FOOD
FOR
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS
ALSO FOR
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.
In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS
OF
CONFECTIONERY
AND
CHRISTMAS GOODS.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER
SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,
DRAGEES, FALINER,
and a large selection
of

PURE CONFECTIONERY
from the leading Manufacturers.

**CADBURY'S SPECIAL
CHOCOLATE CREMES.**

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA,
and other
FRUIT JELLIES
in great variety.

**TOM SMITH'S
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.**

COLOURED OPALS
MOUNTED IN PLUSH,
representing favourite subjects.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1st OF JANUARY,
1894, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF PER MONTH.
ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

SERVIA.
LONDON, January 21st.
The Servian Cabinet has resigned.

FRANCE AND SIAM.
The Treaty between France and Siam has been accepted by the French Chamber. Premier Casimir-Perier has declined to discuss the question of the "buffer" State which will have to be settled by arrangement with Great Britain.

THE DISAFFECTION IN ITALY.
The position at Carrara is improving, and the troops are disarming. The inhabitants have driven the Anarchists into the neighbouring mountains.
[There must be a screw loose somewhere in this telegram. "The Italian troops are disarming," are they? Well, that certainly is something new in military organization, and especially in a country which, it is notorious, is a perfect hot-bed of revolution.—Ed.H.K. Telegraph.]

LORD KIMBERLEY.

January 23rd.
The Earl of Kimberley has recovered from his late illness.

ARREST OF SAINTLY JABER.

Mr. Jaber Spencer Balfour has been arrested in La Platte and is returning to England in charge of a detective.

SUGAR BOUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

The United States House of Representatives proposes an amended tariff, enforcing the immediate abandonment of the sugar bounties.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Servius* arrived at Bangkok on the 13th inst.

SMALL-POX has again appeared in Bangkok, but not in epidemic form.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Shanghai* left Colombo on the 21st inst. for this port.

THE very interesting and practical letter on "Sportman's Arms, etc., in China" will appear in the course of the week—soon, in fact, as we can spare sufficient space.

TONKIN agriculturists are experimenting with Chinese and other Asiatic varieties of the cotton plant, in order to test its merits side by side with Egyptian and American cotton.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ravenna*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday, and is expected here about 5 p.m. on the 29th inst.

It is reported that Amoy is just now being visited by a gang of Canton thieves, bent on business, with a view of making provision for the forthcoming New Year settlements.

A REGULAR meeting of the Ethen Mark Lodge, No. 264, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Indo-China Co.'s steamer *Chelydra* has resumed duty on the Calcutta line, *viz.* the *Choyang* temporarily placed on the route while the former underwent a thorough overhaul in dock.

A REGULAR Convocation of Cathay Chapter, No. 1165, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

COFFEE planting is said to be an enterprise of much promise in Tonkin. There are several large estates about Hong-kong, planted with both Liberian and Arabian coffee, new in a flourishing state, and ranging from 15 to 25 years of growth.

THE American ship *Kentworth*, the reputed 1st and largest four-master that has ever entered the port of Amoy, arrived there the other day consigned to Messrs. Tait & Co. The vessel is under charter for New York with a cargo of 2,000 tons of tea.

THE *Gist-Siam Free Press* libel case has resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff—damages \$500, and of course, costs followed the issue. However, the vendor to be compounded from even six hundred pieces of silver may occasionally be purchased at too high a rate. The venture was originally marked \$3,000.

JAPANESE papers publish a telegram dated Nagoya, 12th inst., stating that 35 shocks of earthquake were experienced there during the night of the 10th and early hours of the following morning. Lives are reported to have been lost in the suburban sections of the city and damage was done to property; several houses being demolished.

At the Marionette show—
Romeo Juggles (who is something of an electrician) was asked: "What is the difference between inhabitants of the Celestial world and residents of the Inferno?"
He promptly replied—"The first are (D) angels, and the others are incandescent angels!"
Bliss fire; slow curtain.

THUS the *Siam Free Press* of the 13th inst.—An important concession of a large tract of coal-bearing country in the neighbourhood of Ghibli, in the Siamese Malay States, has been granted to a Mr. Cohen. The wealth of this coal-bearing district has long been known, and watched with anxious eyes by various capitalists interested in the development of the western states of the Peninsula. Samples are said to have been procured from the district which are alleged to have given very satisfactory results, and the people of Penang are awaiting the exploitation of these coal fields with considerable interest. The gain to Penang should the find turn out all that is expected cannot be denied, and with a good quality of coal at Ghibli and with a trans-peninsular railway from Singapore the prospects of Penang are every day improving. Mr. Cohen has been more fortunate than most concessionaires in Siam. Instead of waiting so many years he has had his concession signed in the space of a month, a departure which is available to both the Siamese Government and their Mining Department.

In October, 1893, the *Independence* Tenkinese, a paper run by M. Le Vasseur, who is bitterly hostile to some of the existing authorities, surreptitiously obtained certain confidential documents from the military offices; and a Captain Devrix was fined 200 francs for having, as alleged, conspired at the theft. The sentence was reversed by the Court of Appeal last month. Captain Devrix has in the meantime been transferred to Montpellier. The *Independence* has since the affair had many up-and-downs—mostly "downs"—its editor stood for election on the Colonial Council, and almost got it, but was defeated on the second ballot; then he had troubles over the payment of his printers' bills, and for some time could not get anybody to print his paper. It has now re-appeared, under the auspices of a limited liability company called the *Impresserie Nouvelle*, and the paper declares itself ready, "fitting to its name, to criticize men and matters as it thinks best, for the good of the country." At present, however, the editor is absent, and his *locum tenens* has been induced to suspend operations against the Governor "until the return of M. Le Vasseur, who will be the sole director of his pen."

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Formosa* left Singapore for this port at 6 a.m. yesterday.

CAPT. Wm. Reynolds, lately in command of the barque *Wm. Leachman*, left for London, *viz.* Vancouver, in the *Empress of China* to-day.

A REGULAR meeting of the Victoria Precinctory will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Wednesday, the 31st inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

A RUMOUR was current in Bangkok on the 13th inst. that two Europeans had been murdered in Kelantan, one of the (nominal) Siamese Malay provinces. No reliable details are yet available, but it is said that one of the victims was a man named Simon, an employe of a well-known Siamese firm.

THE Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Burton writes acknowledging the receipt, on behalf of the Alice Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals, of \$47.50 from the proprietors of the D'Arcy Marlborough Troupe, the amount being the proportion coming to the hospitals from the matinee performance of last week.

THE rumour that the French Government intended converting Chantaboon into a coaling station is after all apparently true, for we note by our latest Siamese exchanges that coals sufficient for the requirements of French needs will be stored there, anyhow for the gunboats stationed at the mouth of the river. With regard to the increase of the French garrison at Chantaboon, the fact appears to be that relief troops are being despatched to replace those now in garrison there, but no increase of the force already at Chantaboon is contemplated. A company of Marine Infantry and 200 Annamite *troupes* form the present force of occupation.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day. The Hon. J. J. Kewick presided and there were also present the Hon. C. P. Chater, Messrs. J. S. Moses, H. Hopples, C. Jantzen, Poon Pong, D. R. Sassoon, (directors), A. S. Hooper (secretary), J. D. Humphreys, H. E. R. Hunter, A. McCannell, G. T. Veltch, A. G. Morris, T. I. Rose, H. E. R. Hunter, J. M. E. Machado, C. Jachbald, F. M. de Gracia, J. M. de Gracia, and A. S. Hooper (secretary).
The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, there is very little for me to say in reviewing the report and accounts. The property which this Company purchased at its formation, and intended to pull down and rebuild, is now practically finished, only three more houses remaining to be handed over by the contractor; those which are completed are letting fairly satisfactorily. For some time the buildings which were finished yielded a sufficient income to meet the interest on the loan which had been raised to enable the buildings to be erected, but we are glad now to be able to report that those buildings which are let give a return more than sufficient to meet the interest and charges, and should this continue, we have every reason to expect to be in a position to remove our place amongst the dividend-paying Companies.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion, which was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Jordan, the retiring directors (Messrs. Chater and Moses) were re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. F. M. de Gracia, the appointment of Mr. Kewick as director was confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. Machado, seconded by Mr. J. M. de Gracia, Mr. F. Henderson was re-elected auditor.

This concluded the business.

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look more rosy than it should do. With these few remarks I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts presented.

The motion was carried *unanimously*.
On the motion of Mr. Veltch, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Messrs. Lee Sing and Jantzen were re-elected directors.

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The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen, and the dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow. I should mention, in connection with the warrants, that the resident shareholders in Hongkong will please apply for them as heretofore, but all the warrants for shareholders in the out-ports and Japan whose addresses are known will be posted. I mention this because a number of the non-resident shareholders might have their attorneys here to take notice of the arrangement. That is all the business of the meeting.

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TRAINING NOTES.

The weather was extremely mild at the Racecourse this morning, and as some interesting "pows" were expected there was a large attendance of onlookers. Bovill was first on the track, which seemed to be in capital order, and galloped a mile in 35. 1.10, 1.46, 2.20 and 2.54, going in grand form and finishing very strongly. Mr. Mac's "sub" Exchange was sent at full speed over the same distance in 37. 0.4, 1.40 and 2.18, a good performance by the time test but beaten at the distance point. The evergreen Luginsland took his daily gallop as cheerfully as ever, and after covering the German Cup course in 37. 1.12, 1.40, 2.27 and 2.03, romped round the bend full of running. Black Pearl steered along for half a mile in 36 and 68, but the form was not quite as of old, and those suspicious fore-legs are the reverse of encouraging.

Mr. Buxey's "sub" Sliding Scale went very freely over the Valley Stakes course in 33. 6.64 and 1.42, but finished like a non-stayer. This pony, however, is in such poor condition that he may be susceptible of vast improvement, especially as he moves in such racing-like style. Brigand was showed along a mile as fast as he could travel and it wasn't particularly fast for such an alleged flyer—33. 6.64, 1.45 and 2.04. That steady sprinter Merry Thought went a mile at an easy pace, recording 40. 1.15, 1.51 and 2.24, and he appears, albeit a little lean and tucked up, to be coming to hand nicely. Vagrant went the same journey but at a faster gallop—36. 1.10, 1.45 and 2.19—and this hardy old racer has every appearance of making a bold bid for victory in the Fochow Cup for the fourth year in succession. Mr. Jay's "sub" Frohman, accompanied if I mistake not by the Clerk of the Course's famous war-horse, rattled along for three quarters of a mile in 17. 1.12 and 1.46, the griffin of course coming away by himself when it came to racing.

Two "subs." Mr. Mannington's Fraud (owner up) and Mr. Quint's Reality, were sent six furlongs, the 'quarters' being made in 37. 1.14 and 1.42. Mr. Salop's bay Old Giles (Capt. Hunt) and chestnut The Signor (Capt. Thomas) "powed" a mile and a quarter, the latter having a trifle the better of the finish—times, 36. 1.12, 1.48, 2.26 and 3.02. Tallman and the Ewo Derby don griffin Laverock were sent a capital training gallop for a mile and a quarter, recording "by the clock" 44. 6.74, 1.43, 2.19 and 2.54 in the finish. Mr. Derrick-Hunter's cream "sub" Energy and the sharply little bay Dainty (a kept over Derby griffin from last year) did the half-mile in 37 and 1.10. Mr. Fournier's grey bay candidate Haver, a fine upstanding grey, looks a good sort, and the bay "sub" Haughty were sent a similar distance in 35 and 68, the big grey striding away just as he liked, when called on.

Mr. Helarich's Derby griffin Op 1 galloped a mile and a quarter in 37. 1.15, 1.51, 2.27 and 3.02, far too slow for any reliable inference to be drawn as to what he could do if sent out; but the pony's style is not taking, and if he stays the Derby distance at racing pace I shall be very much surprised. Mr. Buxey's Derby roan griffin, going alone, covered a mile and a quarter in 34. 6.64, 1.40, 2.16 and 2.50—a capital gallop, but the roan had nothing left in him at the end, and as he appears to be almost cherry ripe, I cannot regard him either as a high-class race-pony or a probable winner of the Hongkong Derby. Mr. David's grey Silver King and Mr. Crickshank's br. Gungadeen negotiated three quarters of a mile in 38. 1.13 and 1.45, the br. winning easily, his last quarter promising far better things in the near future from this powerfully if somewhat queerly constructed customer.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' Derby pony, the cream Varlet, galloped a mile and a quarter, Mr. Magpie's "sub" Swift joining in at the mile and the roan "sub" Vigilant at the three-quarters' starting post; the cream, hard driven, ran resolutely throughout, and had his companions safely tucked down at the finish. Vigilant beating Swift by about a length for second place—times, 37. 1.11, 1.40, 2.21 and 3.02. The Ewo dark-bay "sub" and Mr. Tierce's Mere Cypher strove over the mile course in 37. 1.17, 1.56 and 2.25, a rather discouraging exhibition for the noble creatures. Mr. Salop's (The Reine) Fight (late The Tyram Tiger), Capt. Hunt, up, and grey Larrik, ridden by Capt. Hunt, raced a mile in 35. 1.12, 1.48 and 2.23, the spotted one winning by a length after a severe finish. Mr. Buxey's Derby grey griffin Hard Times, ridden by Mr. Master, went three-quarters in 37. 0.7 and 1.40, moving freely from start to finish. General Barker's "sub" Mandarin (Mr. May), Capt. Murray's Crowberry (Mr. Taylor), and Mr. May's Derby griffin Maypole (also riding) "powed" a mile in 40. 1.13, 1.49 and 2.29, the last named showing decided superiority, but the pace was funeral.

Mr. Elger's Exile and Mr. Derrick-Hunter's Endeavour went three-quarters in 38. 0.7 and 1.43, and over the same course Mr. Multiplex's Black Diamond and Jabs registered 35. 1.13 and 1.40. For mile Mr. Darius' Centurion made 36. 1.11, 1.50 and 2.25. Hezenallers, going alone, covered three-quarters in 35. 6.6, and 1.42, thing paler at the finish. Over the same distance Personnel proved too speedy at the weights for The Don (Capt. Thomas) and Viper (Mr. Hart Buck), the ponies passing the post in the order named—times, 35. 1.10, and 1.43. Dare Devil (owner up) covered a quarter in 31 seconds, and returned to the enclosure decidedly groggy. He is troubled with corns (?) I understand, which of course will greatly discount his Derby prospects. Mr. J. D. Humphreys' grey Derby griffin Varlet galloped half a mile in 33 and 66-5/8, moving very well indeed, and the same owners' Volts (late Thunderbolt), with Mr. Hart Buck in the saddle, had to be hard ridden to cover three quarters of a mile in 38. 1.13 and 1.49—form hardly good enough to win races at a regular Hongkong Meeting. Home Guard tried to gallop, but the attempt was a failure, and regular short of a mile will ever bring this grand old pony into anything approaching racing condition.

The programme of the Hongkong Race Meeting of 1894 will be found in this issue, and I will endeavour to deal with its salient features within the next few days. So far as can be seen at present the prospects of a successful meeting are most hopeful; the entries are generally more than sufficient to ensure fairly big fields, and the class of pony, either below that above the average, should lead to close finishes and numerous upsets. It is rather too early yet to attempt to analyse the form of the numerous papers in training, but by the end of next week there may be something tangible to work upon, as, in order to win races, ponies must be galloped at very nearly their best pace.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1894.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING, 1894.

FIRST DAY.—THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY.
THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES, presented by the Club, for China ponies; entrance \$5; to go to winner; weight for inches. One mile.
Mr. August's g. Democrat, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Boyd's m. Duncan, 11st. 11lb.
Mr. Buxey's g. Hard Times, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Copenhagen's b. Elsinore, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Fournier's g. Primrose, 11st. 11lb.
Mr. Helarich's b. Black Pearl, 11st. 11lb.
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' m. Vigilant, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. John Peel's d. Laverock, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. John Peel's g. Hammy, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. Mac's w. Exchange, 10st. 11lb.
Mr. F. H. May's g. Maypole, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Trebau's g. Brigand, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Trebau's br. Beawing, 11st. 11lb.
(Allowed 7lbs.)

THE ASHLEY CUP, presented by D. R. Sassoon, Esq., for China ponies; entrance \$5; to go to winner; weight for inches. One mile.
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Mr. Boyd's m. Duncan, 11st. 11lb.
Mr. Buxey's g. Hard Times, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Copenhagen's b. Elsinore, 11st. 7lb.
Mr. Derrick-Hunter's br. Timekeeper, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. Fournier's g. Primrose, 11st. 11lb.
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Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Volts, (late Thunderbolt), 11st. 11lb.
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THE HONGKONG DERBY, sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before the day of closing entries, with \$50 added for 1st pony, and \$100 for 2nd; date of entry (Saturday, 20th January, 1894); first pony, 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; third, 10 per cent.; weight for inches. One-mile-and-a-half. (Nominations closed to the Clerk of the Course at the Club on Saturday, the 30th December, 1893.)

Mr. Buxey's m. Recovery, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. Buxey's g. Sliding Scale, 10st. 12

